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Port Manatee Scrap Metal, Inc. 13838 Harlee Road Palmetto, Florida 34221

Re: Information Request – Section 308 of the Clean Water Act Port Manatee Scrap Metal, Inc.

Dear Sir:

Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) specifies that a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is required for any stormwater discharge associated with certain industrial activities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's stormwater regulations, set forth at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R) § 122.26(b)(14)(vi), consider facilities involved in the recycling of materials, including metal scrapyards, battery reclaimers, salvage yards and automobile junkyards, including but limited to those classified as Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 5015 and 5093. The State of Florida is authorized to issue NPDES permits and issued the Multi-Sector Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities. Your facility was provided an identification number FLR05H309.

It has come to our attention that the Port Manatee Scrap Metal, Inc. facility, located at 13838 Harlee Road, Palmetto, Florida is classified under SIC 5093, and may be subject to the CWA requirements. Pursuant to Section 308 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1318, the EPA hereby requests that you provide the information set forth in Enclosure A within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Answer each question as clearly and completely as possible. The response should be directed to:

Mr. Michael Hom, Environmental Engineer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch Water Protection Division 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Responses to this information request should specifically reference the particular section and number of the request and should be organized for the purpose of clarity. In addition, all information submitted must be accompanied by the following certification signed by a responsible company official in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.22:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Failure to comply with this information request may result in enforcement proceedings under Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319, which could result in the judicial imposition of civil or criminal penalties or the administrative imposition of civil penalties. In addition, there is potential criminal liability for the falsification of any response to the requested information.

Preserve, until further notice, all records (either written or electronic) which existed at the time of receipt of this letter that relate to any of the matters set forth in this letter. The term "records" shall be interpreted in the broadest sense to include information of every sort. The response to this information request shall include assurance that these record protection provisions were put in place, as required. No such records shall be disposed of until written authorization is received from the Chief of the NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch at the U.S. EPA, Region 4.

If you believe that any of the requested information constitutes confidential business information, you may assert a confidentiality claim with respect to such information except for effluent data. Further details, including how to make a business confidentiality claim, are found in Enclosure B.

Enclosed is a document entitled *U.S. EPA Small Business Resources-Information Sheet* to assist you in understanding the compliance assistance resources and tools available to you. Any decision to seek compliance assistance at this time, however, does not relieve you of your obligation to the EPA nor does it create any new rights or defenses, and will not affect the EPA's decision to pursue enforcement action. In addition, the Securities and Exchange Commission requires its registrants to periodically disclose environmental legal proceedings in statements filed with the Commission. To assist you, the EPA has also enclosed a document entitled *Notice of Securities and Exchange Commission Registrants' Duty to Disclose Environmental Legal Proceedings*.

If you have questions regarding this notice and information request, please feel free to contact Mr. Hom at (404) 562-9748 or via email at hom.michael@epa.gov. Legal inquiries should be directed to Mr. Philip Mancusi-Ungaro, Attorney –Advisor, at (404) 562-9519.

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NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch

Water Protection Division

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Edward C. Smith

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

ENCLOSURE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 308

Instructions

- 1. Identify the person(s) responding to this Information Request.
- 2. Please provide a separate narrative response to each and every Question and subpart of a Question set forth in this Information Request.
- 3. Precede each answer with the text and the number of the question and its subpart to which the answer corresponds.
- 4. All documents submitted must contain a notation indicating the question and subpart of the question to which they are responsive.
- 5. In answering each Information Request, identify all documents and persons consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of each response and provide true and accurate copies of all such documents.
- 6. If information not known or not available to you as of the date of submission of a response to this Information Request should later become known or available to you, you must supplement your response to EPA. Moreover, should you find at any time after the submission of its response that any portion of the submitted information is false or misrepresents the truth, you must notify EPA thereof as soon as possible.
- 7. For each document produced in response to this Information Request, indicate on the document, or in some other reasonable manner, the number of the Request to which it responds.
- 8. Where specific information has not been memorialized in a document, but is nonetheless responsive to a Request, you must respond to the Request with a written response.
- 9. If information responsive to this Information Request is not in your possession, custody or control, then identify the person from whom such information may be obtained.
- 10. If you have reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any Information Request or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, identify such persons and the additional information or documents that they may have.
- 11. All documents provided in an electronic format should be compatible with .pdf.
- 12. All spreadsheet information should be in electronic format and compatible with MS Excel.
- 13. Information shall be provided for all companies, all subsidiaries, resources groups, or other corporate entities. Thus, the response to each question concerning the company's activities should reflect information regarding each and every entity.



Definitions

- 14. All terms not defined herein shall have their ordinary meanings, unless such terms are defined in the Clean Water Act or its implementing regulations, in which case the statutory or regulatory definitions shall control.
- 15. Words in the masculine may be construed in the feminine if appropriate, and vice versa, and words in the singular may be construed in the plural if appropriate, and vice versa, in the context of a particular question or questions.
- 16. The terms "And" and "Or" shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of this Information Request any information which might otherwise be construed outside it scope.
- 17. The term "Identify" means, with respect to a natural person, to set forth the person's name, present or last known business address and business telephone number, present or last known home address and home telephone number, and present or last known job title, position or business.
- 18. The term "Identify" means, with respect to a document, to provide its customary business description; its date; its number, if any (invoice or purchase order number); the identity of the author, addressee and/or recipient; and substance of the subject matter.
- 19. The term "Identify" means, with respect to a corporation, partnership, business trust or other association or business entity (including a sole proprietorship), to set forth its full name, address, legal form (e.g., corporation, partnership, etc.), organization, if any, and a brief description of its business.
- 20. The term "Facility" means any company, entity, or corporation with an NPDES point source (including land or appurtenance thereto) that is subject to regulation under the NPDES program.
- 21. The term "You" and "Your" shall mean Port Manatee Scrap Metal, Inc., and/or any company, entity, or corporation that has directed work at the Site.
- 22. The term "NPDES" or "NPDES Permit" shall mean National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit or any state permit, issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act.
- 23. The term "Discharge" shall mean the addition of any pollutant to navigable waters; i.e., surface water sources ditches, or streams.
- 24. The term "Wetlands" shall mean those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.
- 25. The term "Stormwater" means any runoff generated when precipitation from rain or snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground.



Questions

- 1. Identify the names and addresses of all current owner(s) of the business located at 13838 Harlee Road, Palmetto, Florida (Site). Specify the legal name with the exact spelling of each owner. Provide the mailing address and phone number for each owner. Specify the state of incorporation and principal place of business for each corporate owner. If incorporated, provide the name and mailing address of the registered agent for each state in which business is conducted.
- 2. For each entity and/or individual that has a current ownership interest in the business, provide the names and addresses of each officer, director, or shareholder, including both majority and minority shareholders, of the company, and describe any ownership interest, including percentage of ownership each individual officer, director, or shareholder, including both majority and minority shareholders, has in the company.
- 3. Describe your affiliation with Grimmel Industries, Inc. or Grimmel Industries, LLC (Grimmel Industries).
- 4. Identify the business Standard Industrial Code, the Sector, and the category listed below:
 - a. Scrap and waste recycling facilities (non-source separated, non-liquid recyclable materials) engaged in processing, reclaiming, and wholesale distribution of scrap and waste materials such as ferrous and nonferrous metals, paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, and animal hides.
 - b. Waste recycling facilities (liquid recyclable materials) engaged in reclaiming and recycling liquid wastes such as used oil, antifreeze, mineral spirits, and industrial solvents.
 - c. Recycling facilities that only receive source-separated recyclable materials primarily from non-industrial and residential sources (i.e., common consumer products including paper, newspaper, glass, cardboard, plastic containers, aluminum and tin cans); including recycling facilities commonly referred to as material recovery facilities.
- 5. Describe the Site's nature of your business and detail the process in which recycled and non-recycled materials are handled, from when the materials are received to when they leave the facility, including but not limited to, scrap waste material stockpiling, material processing, segregating process materials into uniform grades, and collecting non-recyclable materials for disposal; indicate any vehicle and equipment fueling and maintenance operations.
- 6. Provide a copy the following documents as referenced by the Florida Multi-Sector Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, FLR05H309:
 - a. The previous and current Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
 - b. Routine Facility Inspections since January 2010.
 - c. Quarterly Visual Assessments since January 2010.
 - d. Annual Comprehensive Site Inspections since January 2010.
 - e. Benchmark monitoring results since January 2010, if applicable.
 - f. Employee training program and employee roster and certificates of completion since January 2010.
 - g. Non-stormwater certification since January 2010.
- 7. Identify the person, title, company affiliation of your "qualified personnel", as defined by the Florida

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- Multi-Sector Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities.
- 8. Provide a site map of your property that depicts buildings, process areas, storage areas, impervious surfaces, stormwater detention or retention ponds, the direction of stormwater runoff, and stormwater runoff and/or ponds that discharges into surface waters, such as creeks and streams or into a storm sewer system.
- 9. Provide copies of correspondence between you and with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with regards to the Florida Multi-Sector Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities since January 2010.
- 10. Provide copies of correspondence between you and with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System authority with regards to the Florida Multi-Sector Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities since January 2010.
- 11. Provide a list of all other facilities that your officers own or operated in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee (Region 4). In addition, please provide a list of all facilities in Region 4 that are owned and/or operated that are affiliated with Grimmel Industries.
- 12. Describe any process wastewaters generated at the Site. Process wastewaters are not stormwater.

 Process wastewaters may include, but are not limited to, waters used for dust suppression and truck rinse down.
 - a. Specify the source(s) of process wastewater and the operational activity where the process wastewater is used. Specify any sources of contamination to the process wastewater, such as uncovered scrap, contaminants in the scrap or additives that are used in each process.
 - b. Describe in detail the transport, treatment, storage, and discharge of process wastewater. Provide a site diagram, flow schematic, and/or waste stream diagram to illustrate how process wastewater is managed.
 - c. Provide, in gallons per day, estimated or actual daily maximum and monthly average volumetric flow rates discharged from each waste stream, and the total discharge for the year. If the flow rate is estimated, please indicate how the flows were estimated.
 - d. Describe in detail the means by which each process wastewater discharge is transported (i.e. pipe, ditch, swale, overflow, catch basin, etc.) from the facility to surface water.
 - e. For each discharge from any operation or activity to surface water, state the name and location of the surface water.
 - f. For each discharge from an operation or activity to surface water, provide the date(s) discharges commenced and the date(s) the discharges ceased if they have been terminated.
 - g. Provide the frequency of each type of process wastewater discharge (per week).



- h. Provide a copy of all discharge permits in effect and the permit number and date of coverage. If a permit was not obtained for any process water discharges, provide a detailed explanation as to why a permit was not obtained.
- i. Provide copies of all analytical sample data of process wastewater since January 2010.

ENCLOSURE B

RIGHT TO ASSERT BUSINESS CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIMS (40 C.F.R. Part 2)

Except for effluent data, you may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim as to any or all of the information that EPA is requesting from you. The EPA regulation relating to business confidentiality claims is found at 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

If you assert such a claim for the requested information, EPA will only disclose the information to the extent and under the procedures set out in the cited regulations. If no business confidentiality claim accompanies the information, EPA may make the information available to the public without any further notice to you.

40 C.F.R. §2.203(b). Method and time of asserting business confidentiality claim. A business which is submitting information to EPA may assert a business confidentiality claim covering the information by placing on (or attaching to) the information, at the time it is submitted to EPA, a cover sheet, stamped or typed legend, or other suitable form of notice employing language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Allegedly confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified by the business, and may be submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by EPA. If the business desires confidential treatment only until a certain date or until the occurrence of a certain event, the notice should so state.





Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

INFORMATION SHEET

U. S. EPA Small Business Resources

If you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a variety of compliance assistance resources such as workshops, training sessions, hotlines, websites, and guides to assist you in complying with federal and state environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations, improve compliance, and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

Compliance Assistance Centers

(www.assistancecenters.net)

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established Compliance Assistance Centers that provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses.

Agriculture (www.epa.gov/agriculture or 1-888-663-2155)

Automotive Recycling Industry (www.ecarcenter.org)

Automotive Service and Repair (www.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK)

Chemical Industry (www.chemalliance.org)

Construction Industry (www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Education (www.campuserc.org)

Healthcare Industry (www.hercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Metal Finishing (www.nmfrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Paints and Coatings (www.paintcenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing (www.pwbrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printing (www.pneac.org or 1-888-USPNEAC)

Transportation Industry (www.transource.org)

Tribal Governments and Indian Country (www.epa.gov/tribal/compliance or 202–564-2516)

US Border Environmental Issues (www.bordercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

The Centers also provide State Resource Locators (www.envcap.org/statetools/index.cfm) for a wide range of topics to help you find important environmental compliance information specific to your state.

EPA Websites

EPA has several Internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. If you don't have access to the Internet at your business, many public libraries provide access to the Internet at minimal or no cost.

EPA's Home Page www.epa.gov

Small Business Gateway www.epa.gov/smallbusiness

Compliance Assistance Home Page www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance www.epa.gov/compliance

Voluntary Partnership Programs www.epa.gov/partners

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: http://www.epa.gov/compliance

U.S. EPA SMALE BUSINESS RESOURCES

Hotlines, Helplines & Clearinghouses

(www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm)

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. A few examples are listed below:

Clean Air Technology Center (www.epa.gov/ttn/catc or 1-919-541-0800)

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/infocenter/epcra.htm or 1-800-424-9346)

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline provides regulatory and technical assistance information. (www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

The National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from the U.S. EPA, states, and other compliance assistance providers (www.epa.gov/clearinghouse)

National Response Center to report oil and hazardous substance spills, (www.nrc.useg.mil or 1-800-424-8802)

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (www.epa.gov/opptintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799)

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html or 1-800-426-4791)

Stratospheric Ozone Refrigerants Information (www.epa.gov/ozone or 1-800-296-1996)

Toxics Assistance Information Service also includes asbestos inquiries. (1-202-554-1404)

Wetlands Helpline

(www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/wetline.html or 1-800-832-7828)

State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information or the following two resources:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman (www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

Small Business Environmental Homepage (www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org or 1-724-452-4722)

Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated,

businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses:

The Small Business Compliance Policy (www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness)

Audit Policy

(www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing)

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an SBA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) designation, number of employees, or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.

NOTICE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REGISTRANTS' DUTY TO DISCLOSE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Securities and Exchange Commission regulations require companies registered with the SEC (e.g., publicly traded companies) to disclose, on at least a quarterly basis, the existence of certain administrative or judicial proceedings taken against them arising under Federal, State or local provisions that have the primary purpose of protecting the environment. Instruction 5 to Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.103) requires disclosure of these environmental legal proceedings. For those SEC registrants that use the SEC's "small business issuer" reporting system, Instructions 1-4 to Item 103 of the SEC's Regulation S-B (17 CFR 228.103) requires disclosure of these environmental legal proceedings.

If you are an SEC registrant, you have a duty to disclose the existence of pending or known to be contemplated environmental legal proceedings that meet any of the following criteria (17 CFR 229.103(5)(A)-(C)):

A. Such proceeding is material to the business or financial condition of the registrant;

B. Such proceeding involves primarily a claim for damages, or involves potential monetary sanctions, capital expenditures, deferred charges or charges to income and the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds 10 percent of the current assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; or

C. A governmental authority is a party to such proceeding and such proceeding involves potential monetary sanctions, unless the registrant reasonably believes that such proceeding will result in no monetary sanctions, or in monetary sanctions, exclusive of interest and costs, of less than \$100,000; provided, however, that such proceedings which are similar in nature may be grouped and described generically.

Specific information regarding the environmental legal proceedings that must be disclosed is set forth in Item 103 of Regulation S-K or, for registrants using the "small business issuer" reporting system, Item 103(a)-(b) of Regulation S-B. If disclosure is required, it must briefly describe the proceeding, "including the name of the court or agency in which the proceedings are pending, the date instituted, the principal parties thereto, a description of the factual basis alleged to underlie the proceedings and the relief sought."

You have been identified as a party to an environmental legal proceeding to which the United States government is, or was, a party. If you are an SEC registrant, this environmental legal proceeding may trigger, or may already have triggered, the disclosure obligation under the SEC regulations described above.

This notice is being provided to inform you of SEC registrants' duty to disclose any relevant environmental legal proceedings to the SEC. This notice does not create, modify or interpret any existing legal obligations, it is not intended to be an exhaustive description of the legally applicable requirements and it is not a substitute for regulations published in the Code of Federal Regulations. This notice has been issued to you for information purposes only. No determination of the applicability of this reporting requirement to your company has been made by any governmental entity. You should seek competent counsel in determining the applicability of these and other SEC requirements to the environmental legal proceeding at issue, as well as any other proceedings known to be contemplated by governmental authorities.

If you have any questions about the SEC's environmental disclosure requirements, please contact the SEC Office of the Special Senior Counsel for Disclosure Operations at (202) 942-1888.

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TITLE 17--COMMODITY AND SECURITIES EXCHANGES

CHAPTER II--SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

PART 229--STANDARD INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING FORMS UNDER SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1975-REGULATION S-K--Table of Contents

Subpart 229,100--Business

Sec. 229.103 (Item 103) Legal proceedings.

Describe briefly any material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business, to which the registrant or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any of their property is the subject. Include the name of the court or agency in which the proceedings are pending, the date instituted, the principal parties thereto, a description of the factual basis alleged to underlie the proceeding and the relief sought. Include similar information as to any such proceedings known to be contemplated by governmental authorities.

Instructions to Item 103:

- 1. If the business ordinarily results in actions for negligence or other claims, no such action or claim need be described unless it departs from the normal kind of such actions.
- 2. No information need be given with respect to any proceeding that involves primarily a claim for damages if the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed 10 percent of the current assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. However, if any proceeding presents in large degree the same legal and factual issues as other proceedings pending or known to be contemplated, the amount involved in such other proceedings shall be included in computing such percentage.
- 3. Notwithstanding Instructions 1 and 2, any material bankruptcy, receivership, or similar proceeding with respect to the registrant or any of its significant subsidiaries shall be described.
- 4. Any material proceedings to which any director, officer or affiliate of the registrant, any owner of record or beneficially of more than five percent of any class of voting securities of the registrant, or any associate of any such director, officer, affiliate of the registrant, or security holder is a party adverse to the registrant or any of its subsidiaries or has a material interest adverse to the registrant or any of its subsidiaries also shall be described.
- 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an administrative or judicial proceeding (including, for purposes of A and B of this Instruction, proceedings which present in large degree the same issues) arising under any Federal, State or local provisions that have been enacted or adopted regulating the discharge of materials into the environment or primary for the purpose of protecting the environment shall not be deemed "ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business" and shall be described if:
- A. Such proceeding is material to the business or financial condition of the registrant;
- B. Such proceeding involves primarily a claim for damages, or involves potential monetary sanctions, capital expenditures, deferred charges or charges to income and the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds 10 percent of the current assets of the registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; or
- C. A governmental authority is a party to such proceeding and such proceeding involves potential monetary sanctions, unless the registrant reasonably believes that such proceeding will result in no monetary sanctions, or in monetary sanctions, exclusive of interest and costs, of
- less than \$100,000; provided, however, that such proceedings which are similar in nature may be grouped and described generically.